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SCORES EAST GERMAN PRISONS

CELLS ARE OVERCROWDED -- Der Tagesspiegel, No 1376, 19 Mar 50

Ever since the East German authorities have been placed in charge of those prisons which were formerly concentration camps, conditions for prisoners have grown worse. As ascertained by the Group for Combating Inhumanity, the Luckau penitentiary now holds 804 former inmates of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. Of these, 276 are suffering from infectious tuberculosis. All cells are overcrowded. Food rations are below concentration camp level. The prisoners are no longer accounted for by names but by "criminal" numbers.

REPORTS SOVIET ZONE RESISTANCE GROUPS -- Svenska Dagbladet, No 83, 27 Mar 50

The West Berlin newspaper Der Telegraf reports that 80 large resistance groups in the Eastern Zone are energetically combating the policies of the Socialist Unity Party. Propaganda material has even been smuggled into the prisons.

In several cities the police have had to be specially alerted because of the effectiveness of the work of these groups. Control checks of traffic have been increased, and all amusement places and hotels are raided every so often and the papers of the guests carefully checked.

PARADERS TO GET FREE SHOES -- Svenska Dagbladet, No 92, 5 Apr 50

Participants in the announced Communist youth demonstrations in Berlin will receive shoes at public expense. Thirty-two shoe factories in Eastern Germany have been commissioned to deliver 200,000 pairs of shoes to the Free German Youth, as a number of parents did not want to let their sons and daughters participate in the demonstration because their shoes were so worn.

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TO REORGANIZE UNION OF ARTS AND LETTERS -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 71, 24 Mar 50

The executive committee of the German Press Association in the German Democratic Republic will meet in Potsdam on 25 and 26 March. The main points under discussion will be the reorganization of the Union of Arts and Letters, the labor and election programs, and the cultural activities of the association.

PARTY FUNCTIONARY RELIEVED OF DUTIES -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 71, 24 Mar 50

Dr Kressner (inu), regional chairman of the LDP (Liberal-Demokratische Partei) and burgomaster of Zwickau, has been relieved of all party functions by the Sachsen executive of the LDP. Kressner has been accused of conduct injurious to the party, and steps have been taken for his expulsion.

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